

In the Specification

Amend the last paragraph on page 6 of the substitute specification to read as follows:

At the end of the piston stroke area 19, the inner wall of the cylindrical tube 1 has a shoulder 23 forming a recess in the inner wall. This shoulder makes available a level stop surface for a level plate 25. For the fixing of the plate in position, the level stop surface forms a retaining surface which locks the plate 25 positively against axial movement in the direction of the piston stroke area 19. The plate 25 has a convex, crowned circumferential surface 27. During shaping of the wall of the cylindrical tube 1, in which the reshaping area 9 adjoining the piston stroke area 19 is formed, the wall of the cylindrical tube 1 is shaped around the crowned circumferential surface 27 of the plate 25 to form a concave cambered surface 28 in the cylindrical tube adjacent shoulder 23. The shaped cylinder wall with its concave cambered surface 28 then forms a second retaining surface on the crowned circumferential surface 27 for fixing the plate 25 in position so that the plate is secured positively against axial movement in both directions.